also been received by the States have also been received by the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government to (a) and (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Such complaints are occasionally received.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) So far as private lotteries are concerned they fall within the purview of State Government. The Central Government issued guidelines in 1984 to all the State Government regarding regulation of lotteries run by them. However, the complaints received are sent to the State Government for appropriate action.

Decrease in Number of Farmers

6717. KUMAR UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of farmers in the rural areas has decreased as per the 1990-91 census whereas the number of land-holding has increased;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). 1990-91 Agricultural Census has not been completed as yet.

Price of Indigenous/Imported Fertilizer

6718. SHRI PHOOL VERMA:
SHRI B. L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of indigenous fertilizers are costlier than imported fertilizers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to equate the price of indigenous fertilizers with imported fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No. Sir. For every fertilizer covered under the statutory price control, the consumer price of indigenous as well as imported fertilizers is the same.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

Production of Pistols and Revolvers

6719. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to go in for indigenous production of pistols and revolvers in order to bring down their prices so as to enable the common man to purchase them for security purpose; and

(b) if so, the time by which such production is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M.